



California Natural Resources Agency

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DUNGENESS CRAB VESSEL PERMIT TRANSFER APPLICATION

NONREFUNDABLE TRANSFER FEE: \$200.00

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP  
☐ TRANSFER TO REPLACEMENT VESSEL  
☐ TEMPORARY TRANSFER  
☐ TEMPORARY TRANSFER (Extension)

- ☐ RETAINING PERMIT ON LOST OR DAMAGED VESSEL  
☐ RETAINING PERMIT UPON SALE OF THE VESSEL  
☐ DEATH OF PERMITTEE/TRANSFER TO HEIR

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
DAY TELEPHONE	MOBILE TELEPHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

### CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (New owner's information)

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
DAY TELEPHONE	MOBILE TELEPHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

### FISHING VESSEL INFORMATION - Complete the following for the permitted and replacement vessels.

	PERMITTED VESSEL	REPLACEMENT VESSEL
CURRENT OWNER(S)		
COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE NUMBER		
VESSEL NAME		
FISH AND GAME BOAT REGISTRATION NUMBER		
STATE DMV OR USCG DOCUMENTATION NUMBER		
HULL NUMBER		
DATE OF PURCHASE		
LENGTH OVERALL		

### FOR PERMITTED VESSELS ONLY

Permitted vessel was accidentally lost, stolen, destroyed or mechanical breakdown.

☐ YES ☐ NO

DATE OF INCIDENT MM/YYYY

Permit previously transferred.

☐ YES ☐ NO

DATE OF TRANSFER MM/YYYY

*I agree to renew the permit before the expiration date, if the transfer request takes place during the annual permit renewal period. I certify that the information included in the application is true to the best of my information and belief. I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all conditions of the applicable provisions of the FGC, and the regulations promulgated thereto. I agree that if I make any false statement as to any fact required as a prerequisite to the review, approval of this transfer request, the transfer and stamps are void and will be surrendered where purchased, and I understand that I may be subject to prosecution pursuant to FGC Section 1054 or to other administrative actions pursuant to Section 746, Title 14, of the CCR.*

SIGNATURE OF PERMITTED VESSEL OWNER	DATE
<b>X</b>	
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<b>X</b>	

## GENERAL TRANSFER PROVISIONS FOR DUNGENESS CRAB VESSEL PERMITS

Commercial Dungeness Crab Vessel Permit (DCVP) transfers are allowed only under the provisions of California Fish and Game Code (FGC) Section 8280.3.

The fee for each transfer is \$200 and is nonrefundable (FGC Section 8280.6(b)). The transfer fee must be submitted with the transfer application. Payment can be made by check, money order, or credit card (Visa or Mastercard). Please make checks payable to the Department of Fish and Game (Department).

If the transferee is applying for the first time for a commercial fishing license they must provide valid identification as defined in Section 700.4, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. (See Section 700.4 Automated License Data System).

DCVPs must be valid with the Department before a transfer application will be processed.

### **Proof of Vessel Ownership (FGC Section 7601)**

The Department accepts the following as proof of vessel ownership:

- United States Coast Guard (USCG) Certificate of Documentation;
- California Department of Motor Vehicle Certificate of Registration; or
- Out of state vessel registration.

If the permitted vessel or the replacement vessel is owned by a business, you must provide documentation stating the business entity. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Articles of Incorporation
- Articles of Organization
- Certificate of Limited Partnership
- Statement of Partnership Authority
- Limited Liability Partnership

### **CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (FGC Section 8280.3(b))**

The owner of a vessel with a valid transferable DCVP shall transfer the permit for the use of that vessel upon the sale of the vessel by the permitholder to the person purchasing the vessel. Note: The new vessel owner may not transfer the permit for use of that vessel in the Dungeness crab fishery to another replacement vessel during the same permit year.

### **Submit copies of the following:**

1. Original Commercial Boat Registration for the permitted vessel.
2. Proof of ownership of the permitted vessel.
3. Original DCVP.
4. Copy of the new owner's Commercial Fishing License.
5. Copy of the new owner's proof of ownership.
6. Nonrefundable transfer fee of \$200.

### **TRANSFER PERMIT TO A REPLACEMENT VESSEL (FGC Subsections 8280.3(a)(c)(d)(f))**

The owner of a vessel to whom the DCVP has been issued may transfer the permit to a replacement vessel under specific conditions. A permit transfer can not be more than five feet greater than the length overall from the originally permitted vessel. No transfer of a permit to a larger vessel shall be allowed more than one time. Thereafter, all transfer(s) must be to vessels of equal or lesser length overall.

### **Submit copies of the following:**

1. Current Commercial Fishing License for the owner of the permitted vessel.
2. Current Commercial Boat Registration for the permitted vessel and the replacement vessel.
3. Original DCVP.
4. Current proof of vessel ownership for the permitted vessel and the replacement vessel
5. Marine surveys that show the length overall of both the permitted vessel and the replacement vessel.
6. Nonrefundable transfer fee of \$200.

### **LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED VESSELS**

A report filed with the USCG or other law enforcement agency investigating the loss of the permitted vessel.

When the permitted vessel is no longer available for a marine survey or to document the length overall measurement, the Department may consider one of the following:

- Proof of vessel ownership;

- Proof of vessel ownership documents on file with the Department of Fish and Game; or
- Federal Permits with the endorsed length.

#### **Replacement Vessel – Purchased on or Before November 15, 1995**

The owner of a permitted vessel may transfer a DCVP to a replacement vessel that the owner owned on or before November 15, 1995. The transfer may not exceed 10 feet longer in length overall than the originally permitted vessel.

#### **Replacement Vessel – Purchased on or after November 16, 1995**

The owner of a permitted vessel may transfer a DCVP to a replacement vessel that the owner purchased on or after November 16, 1995. The transfer may not exceed five feet longer in length overall than the originally permitted vessel.

#### **Replacement Vessel – Purchased on or Before April 1, 1996**

The owner of a permitted vessel may transfer a DCVP to a replacement vessel that the owner purchased on or before April 1, 1996. The transfer may not exceed five feet than the length overall than the originally permitted vessel. If all the following conditions are satisfied:

- Vessel of a larger size is essential to the owner for participation in another fishery other than a trawl net fishery.
- The owner held a permit on or before January 1, 1995, for the fishery for which a larger vessel is needed and has participated in that fishery.
- The DCVP for the original permitted vessel was issued pursuant to FGC Section 8280.1(b)(1).
- The replacement vessel does not exceed 20 feet longer in length overall than the permitted vessel.
- The replacement vessel does not exceed 60 feet in overall length.

In addition to the documents listed above the vessel owner must also submit the following with the transfer request:

- Permit issued on or before January 1, 1995 for the fishery for which a larger vessel is essential.
- Fish landing receipts to verify participation in the other fisheries.

If the transfer is approved, the vessel owner will be required to provide a copy of a notarized bill of sale and proof of ownership for the replacement vessel.

#### **TEMPORARY TRANSFER (FGC Section 8280.3(g)(1))-Effective September 25, 2012**

The owner of a vessel to whom the Dungeness crab vessel permit has been issued, may temporarily transfer the permit to a replacement vessel if the vessel is seriously damaged, suffers major mechanical breakdown, or is lost or destroyed. The temporary transfer is valid for a period of not more six months during the current permit year. To qualify, you must have California Dungeness crab landings made with trap gear, of not less than 5,000 pounds cumulative, for the past two Dungeness crab seasons. The replacement vessel can not be greater than 10 feet longer in length overall than the vessel from which the permit is transferred. Only the permittee at the time of the loss, theft, damage, breakdown, or destruction of the vessel may apply for the transfer. The Department shall not issue a permit for a replacement vessel if the permitted vessel was reported lost, stolen, mechanically broke down, destroyed, or damaged for fraudulent purposes.

#### **Submit copies of the following:**

1. Current Commercial Boat Registration for the permitted vessel and the replacement vessel.
2. Current DCVP.
3. Current proof of ownership for the permitted vessel and the temporary replacement vessel.
4. Report filed with the USCG or other law enforcement agency investigating the loss or destruction of the permitted vessel.
5. Estimate of the cost to repair the vessel from a marine surveyor or boat repair yard if the permitted vessel suffers major mechanical breakdown.
6. Copies of landing receipts amounting to 5,000 pounds of Dungeness crab for the past two Dungeness crab seasons.
7. Marine surveys that show the length overall of both the permitted vessel and the replacement vessel.
8. Nonrefundable transfer fee of \$200.

#### **Extension of Temporary Transfer**

**Note:** Temporary transfers (if approved) are valid for six months in the current permit year. If an additional six months is needed to repair or replace a permitted vessel, the vessel owner must submit a DCVP Transfer Application with a \$200 nonrefundable transfer fee.

#### **RETAINING PERMIT ON LOSS OR DAMAGED VESSEL (FGC Section 8280.3(g)(2))-Effective January 1, 2012**

The owner of a vessel to whom the DCVP has been issued may retain the permit and may transfer the permit to another vessel of equivalent size and capacity of the vessel that was lost or damaged during the period of two years after the loss or damage of the vessel for which the permit was originally issued. The Department shall transfer a permit if the lost or damaged vessel has a current permit and the owner makes assurance in the application that any renewal of the permit that becomes due during the

application processing period will be made. The Department shall not issue a permit for a replacement vessel if the permitted vessel was reported lost, stolen, mechanically broke down, destroyed, or damaged for fraudulent purposes.

**Submit copies of the following:**

1. Current Commercial Fishing License for the owner of the permitted vessel.
2. Current Commercial Boat Registration for the permitted vessel.
3. Original DCVP.
4. Current proof of ownership for the permitted vessel.
5. Marine survey to establish the length overall of the permitted vessel.
6. Report filed with the USCG or other law enforcement agency investigating the loss or destruction of the permitted vessel.
7. Estimate of the cost to repair the vessel from a marine surveyor or boat repair yard if the permitted vessel suffers major mechanical breakdown.

**Note:** If the permit is not permanently transferred to another vessel owned by the person to whom the vessel permit was originally issued within two years of the loss or damage, the permit shall become void.

**RETAINING PERMIT UPON THE SALE OF THE VESSEL (FGC Section 8280.3(h))**

The owner of a vessel to whom the DCVP has been issued may retain that permit upon the sale of that permitted vessel for the purpose of transferring the permit to another vessel.

**Prior to the sale of the permitted vessel, the vessel owner must submit a transfer application with copies of the following:**

1. Current Commercial Fishing License for the owner of the permitted vessel.
2. Current Commercial Boat Registration for the permitted vessel.
3. Current DCVP.
4. Current proof of ownership for the permitted vessel.
5. Marine survey to establish the length overall of the permitted vessel.
6. Nonrefundable transfer fee of \$200.

If the Department approves the request, the Department will send written notification to the vessel owner. The vessel owner will be required to provide a notarized bill of sale to the Department to verify he/she no longer owns the permitted vessel. Within one year from the date of sale of the permitted vessel, the vessel owner must transfer the permit to a replacement vessel.

If the permit is not transferred to a new vessel owned by the person to whom the vessel permit was originally issued within one year, or if the person does not retain ownership of the new vessel to which the permit is transferred for a period of no less than one year, the permit shall become void.

**DEATH OF PERMITTEE (FGC Section 8280.3(i))**

In the event of the death or incapacity of a permit holder, the permit shall be transferred, upon application, to the heirs or assigns, or to the working partner, of the permit holder, together with the transfer of the vessel for which the permit was issued, and the new owner may continue to operate the vessel under the permit, renew the permit, or transfer the permit upon sale of the vessel. The estate of the decedent may transfer the permit no later than two years from the date of death of the permit holder.

**Submit copies of the following:**

1. Current Commercial Fishing License for the owner of the permitted vessel.
2. Current Commercial Boat Registration for the permitted vessel.
3. Current DCVP.
4. Current Proof of Ownership for the permitted vessel.
5. Death certificate of the permittee.
6. Proof that the applicant is the executor of the deceased's estate.
7. Nonrefundable transfer fee of \$200.

**NONTRANSFERABLE DUNGENESS CRAB VESSEL PERMITS (FGC SECTION 8280.1(b)(3))**

Nontransferable DCPV's can not be sold to another person or change ownership. The permit shall become immediately null and void upon the death of the permittee.

**Appeal Provisions and Deadlines**

If a transfer request is denied, the Department will notify the permittee in writing. The permittee may appeal the denial in writing to the Fish and Game Commission within 90 days from the date of the Department's denial. (FGC Section 8280.5(e))

If you have any questions about the DCVP transfer process, please call Ruth Flores, at (916) 928-7470 or email [rflores@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:rflores@dfg.ca.gov). Mail the Transfer Application and supporting documentation to Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834.